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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to applicants' request for continued examination filed on January 31, 2006. Amendments to claims 16, 25, 26, 57, 59, 60, 67, 69, 70, 83, 85 and 86, addition of new claims 91-96 and cancellation of claims 24, 27-32, 47-56, 58, 61-66, 68, 71-82, 84 and 87-90 have been entered. Claims 16, 25, 26, 57, 59, 60, 67, 69, 70, 83, 85, 86 and 91-96 are currently pending in the application and are subject to election/restriction of species as discussed below.

Election/Restrictions

2. The present invention contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed elected invention:

Claims 16, 25, 26, 57, 59, 60, 67, 69, 70, 83, 85, 86 and 91-96 are directed to different species of the generic feature of incentive for making a market associated with the orders received based upon a criteria as discussed below.

Specie 1A Claims 16, 57, 67, 83, 91, 94

Specie 1B Claims 25, 59, 69, 85, 92, 95

Specie 1C Claims 26, 60, 70, 86, 93, 96

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

3. Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable

thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Narayanswamy Subramanian whose telephone number is (571) 272-6751. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached at (571) 272-6747. The fax number for Formal or Official faxes and Draft to the Patent Office is (571) 273-8300.

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